

FACT SHEET



PCB Treatment, Inc. Superfund Site
Kansas City, Kansas
Kansas City, Missouri

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 continues to oversee activities at the PCB Treatment, Inc. (PCB, Inc.) sites in the Kansas City metropolitan area. PCB, Inc. began operations in 1982 at 2100 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Parts of the operations were moved to 45 Ewing Street, Kansas City, Kansas in September 1984.

PCB, Inc. was authorized to treat and dispose of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) materials. A group of former PCB, Inc. customers formed a Steering Committee to work with EPA to address the sites. The Steering Committee drafted plans to characterize the sites. These plans were submitted to EPA. EPA recently approved the plans and characterization work has begun on the sites.

BACKGROUND

PCB, Inc. began operations at 2100 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri in 1982. A portion of the operation moved to 45 Ewing Street, Kansas City, Kansas in 1984. PCB, Inc. was an authorized PCB treatment and disposal facility from 1982 until 1986. The authorization to treat and dispose PCB-contaminated materials expired in 1986 and was not renewed.

PCB, Inc. customers included the federal government, rural electric cooperatives, utility companies, cities, states, and large and small businesses. During its operation, PCB, Inc. received shipments of PCB contaminated materials from nearly 2,000 customers.

The PCB, Inc. facility was inspected in 1985. The inspection was done under the EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act's (TSCA) spill policy. TSCA tracks chemicals that may pose health and environmental hazards. The inspection revealed numerous spills and mishandling of PCB containing materials. Due to these problems, EPA assessed a monetary penalty against the facility. As part of the negotiated settlement, PCB, Inc. was to clean the buildings at 2100 Wyandotte and 45 Ewing Streets. Unfortunately the clean up efforts were not successful.

SUPERFUND INVOLVEMENT

The PCB, Inc. site was referred to EPA's Superfund program during early 1995. Superfund is the federal program that locates, investigates and cleans up hazardous waste sites throughout the country. Superfund cleanup is paid for either by parties responsible for contamination or by the Superfund Trust Fund. Under the Superfund law, EPA is able to make those companies and individuals responsible for the site contamination to perform, or pay for the cleanup work at the site. Superfund is used primarily when those companies or people responsible for contamination at Superfund sites cannot be found, or cannot perform or pay for the cleanup work.

Under Superfund, EPA sent letters requesting information to the building owners, and former customers. The purpose of the letters is to obtain additional information about the site and notify the building owners and former customers of their potential Superfund liability. These letters were sent to about 1,000 parties in September 1997. The responses to the letters have been used, along with records from PCB, Inc., to develop a database. The database information will be used to determine responsibility for cleanup costs among the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for the PCB, Inc. site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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